

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee – January 11, 2005**

Chair Manke called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, Co. Board Supervisors James Behrend, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert and David Swan. **Absent:** Peter Gundrum.

**Also Present:** Airport Manager Keith Markano, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha.

### **Consider Proposed Ordinance 159-O-101 Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of a Rotary Snow Thrower**

MOTION: Singert moved, Behrend second, to approve proposed Ordinance 159-O-101.

Markano said the County Board previously approved an ordinance to purchase a rotary snow thrower for the airport for \$480,000. Last spring, when we priced out the snow thrower with purchasing, the estimated county share of the equipment was \$180,000. Recently, when they went to bid for this equipment, the prices came back significantly higher than anticipated due to the huge increase in the cost of steel. There is no state increase on their match for this item. The broom assembly on the snow thrower increased from \$60K to \$75K, which is quite significant. Markano advised that the actual cost came in at \$521,692 with a county share totaling \$215,000. This amounts to an additional contribution of \$35,000 from the county, which will come out of fund balance.

Nilson asked did they get any bids? Markano said they got two bids. One of the bidders, Kodiak, did not pass the background check for reliability and parts. We had issues with Kodiak's engine enclosures with the unit. There was no easy access to the engine. Also, Kodiak only uses a certain kind of axel that is rated for over-the-road travel and speeds up to 70 miles per hour. Oshkosh produces a more simplistic axel that is better fitted for airport use. Some of the airports he talked to have had problems with the Kodiak axel.

Singert asked will our highway maintenance shop become familiar with this unit and maintain it? Markano said the manufacturer set it up so a local vendor will take care of repairs. We did ask staff in the maintenance shop for technical advice.

Manke asked if the snow thrower will be included in the vehicle replacement fund? Markano said they are depreciating it over a 20-year cycle so it won't be in the normal vehicle replacement fund. He has seen some Oshkosh trucks made in 1948 still in use today.

Motion carried: 5-0.

The committee recognized a moment of silence in memory of Supervisor Hank Carlson.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

MOTION: Swan moved, Behrend second, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried: 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert  
Secretary